

constructing, when done by the corporate authorities, shall be a lien on the property where such removal, repairs or reconstruction is done. The said Burgess and Commissioners shall likewise have power to regulate by ordinance the erection and maintenance of stables, hog pens and out-houses within the corporate limits of said town of Middletown, and shall have power to prevent the erection or maintenance of any such stables, hog pens or out-houses within a distance of forty feet from the pavement line on what is known as Main Street, Broad Street and Prospect Street in said town of Middletown. The said Burgess and Commissioners shall likewise have power to contract with any railway, electric light or gas company, for such period of time as said Burgess and Commissioners may by ordinance provide, for the introduction into said town of gas pipes, electric wires or conduits for the purpose of supplying gas or electricity for the use of the residents thereof, or to light the streets of said town; and, by ordinance, to grant franchises to any such railway, gas or electric company, permitting said companies to lay pipes or conduits and string wires for the purpose of supplying said town or the residents thereof with gas or electricity; all the powers granted herein shall be subject, in all respects, to the provisions of the Acts of the Assembly of the State of Maryland of 1910, Chapter 180, and any supplements or amendments thereto creating the Public Service Commission of Maryland.

1918, ch. 107, sec. 359C. 1918 Code, sec. 529.

537. The Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown are hereby authorized and empowered whenever, in their judgment, the public interests or convenience require it, to provide by ordinance for the grading, paving, curbing and sewerage, or for the grading, or paving, or curbing, or sewerage, and for the regrading, repaving, or recurbing, resewerage, or for the regrading, repaving, or recurbing, or resewerage in such manner, at such time and with such material as they shall see fit, of any street or streets, lane or lanes, alley or alleys, or any portion thereof, in the town of Middletown, now condemned, ceded, opened as a public highway, or which may be hereafter condemned, ceded, opened, widened, straightened or altered according to the laws and ordinances relating to the same; and also for assessing the costs of any such work in whole or in part upon the property binding upon such street or streets, lane or lanes, alley or alleys, or part thereof, according to such rule or basis as they may determine, and for collecting said assessment as other town taxes are collected, or in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown, either before or after the work shall have been done; provided that before the passage by the Burgess and Commissioners of any ordinance requiring the whole or any portion of the costs to be assessed upon the property, ten days' notice shall be given by the Burgess in some newspaper published in said town, notifying all persons interested to appear, and giving them the opportunity to be heard before the Burgess and Commissioners at such time as shall be provided in said